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## Lsusreview.com

Student-run website evaluates faculty and offers open access to the results



by  
Mark  
Rogers

Lsusreview.com is a student run web-site for faculty evaluations. Created by computer science majors Rick Patel, Mark Rinaudo, and Richard Rowell, lsusreview.com allows students to register with their student e-mail address or paid e-mail address and evaluate faculty performance individually or by class. Anybody can go to lsus-

review.com and view current evaluations.

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reviews. However, LSUS addresses are valid for registration and all LSUS students

all have access to free e-mail through LSUS. Students who need e-mail addresses from

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## SGA elections being held this week



by  
Scott  
Balcerzack

With the highest number of candidates LSUS has seen in three years, the Student Government Association (SGA) is once again holding its annual Senator-At-Large election this week.

Unlike the lack of com-

petition in recent semesters, this election will have 30 candidates competing for 16 open positions. The voting began on Oct. 8 and will continue until Oct. 14. In order to vote, students need to call the telephone number and follow the procedure listed on the ballots sent to them last week by the SGA.

"I want to encourage everyone to vote and have their voice heard," said Jason Penry, SGA Presi-

dent. "It's also good that we've got a large amount of candidates running this semester."

The following students are running for the open positions: Jason Roan, Eric Brownfield, Ryan Barnaby, Amanda Joy Bell, Jessica Beech, Chris Lee, Joshua Roy, Brad Weatherly, Dennis "Mitch" Jones, Mark Montgomery, Tiffany LaTia Johnson, William Epps, Richard Rowell, Philip Oubre, Steve Martino, Der-



by  
Chris  
Alexander

## Got VD?

If anyone knows who has been sleeping with whom it is the Caddo health unit. They spend their days not only providing immunizations for the average citizen, but also tracking, treating, and trying to eliminate sexually transmitted diseases.

One of the biggest problems we face today is people's inability to control their sexual behavior. Some guys and girls, if given the chance, unfortunately, would take a different sex partner home every night without even the thought that there might be a possible danger.

Well you say now, "I cannot believe this guy just said this. I would never do that." Welcome to the world we live in. Where people other than

yourself, do go out to get drunk, meet people and get laid. Sex is the number-one best seller in all trades and if you think that some guy you just met hasn't slept or will sleep with anyone he can stick his thing-a-ma-doo-gie in, you are damn wrong. With the sexual interaction being so common among youth, your chances of being infected by an STD are great.

Go to [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and look at the statistics. Chlamydia alone has an estimated 3 million new cases each year. That does not include the cases that are not accounted for because they were not admitted for treatment. Many people think that we here in Louisiana are protected from outbreaks. Hell no, as a matter of

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rick Washington, Jay Emmons, Kellye Jenkins, Jeff Strozier, Jeremy Price, Mehrzad Khodavandi, Matthew Miller, Carolyn Nichols, C. Jason Sanders, Heather Kleckinger, Ronisha Buckingham, Frank Lam, Jennifer Micinski, Haley Reggio, and Bradford Bowen.

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# From the editor

First of all, Erika C. Gonzalez called and told me that she was misquoted in last issue's article on her new position with student activities. She would never use the terms 'Greeks' or 'Jocks'. Sorry about that.

Now for this week's issue. We focused on sex and snitches. Venereal disease runs about as rampant as unfunded mandates in this state, so we focused on how it affects LSUS students and what they can do about it: get tested, and if the results are bad, tell it all and let the Caddo health unit dig the bad apples out of the barrel.

The same goes for faculty evaluations: get tested, and if the results are bad, tell it all on [lsusreview.com](http://lsusreview.com) and let the other students dig the bad apples out of their curriculum.

There are arguments against student-faculty evaluations, such as students favor easy subjects over difficult subjects, or evaluate on charisma rather than academic benefit. This is true to some extent. This

form of evaluation does tend to be subjective to the student's viewpoint, but with retention rates as bad as they are, it seems that this university would start to become more familiar with what subjectively interests the students here.

The recent Kaplan/Newsweek College Catalog endorsement of LSUS and its academic reputation and social life was based on a survey administered to 5,000 high school counselors. I don't understand how 5,000 counselors, most of whom have never been here, could know more about LSUS's academic reputation and social life than the 4,000 students that attend here. Kaplan should have asked those counselors if they knew anything about venereal disease instead.

The point is there is no social life here. Maybe biweekly social sparks during the 45 minute common hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but I wouldn't say social life. Not even with the rate of social dis-

eases in this area.

And academic reputation? Well, on the administrator end academic reputation is an odd bureaucratic formula including the number of Ph.D. faculty, average student body GPA, alumni achievement and a slew of such factors. On the student end, academic reputation is a collection of rumors and hearsay gathered from outspoken (sometimes obnoxious) students about various classes and faculty members. That type of information pool is almost a social disease in itself.

Students favor student opinions. Let's hope [lsusreview.com](http://lsusreview.com) will become 'safe-registration protection' for the student body and not be a 'last orgy in Sodom and Gomorrah' for unscrupulous people to slander and defame innocent faculty. Let's hope.

Mark  
Rogers,  
Editor-in-  
Chief



## Calendar of events

### Thu Oct. 12

PRSSA "Scary Social" BH Rm 336 common hour

Psi Chi meeting BE 344 common hour

Student Success Series: Involvement on Campus, UC Theater common hour

### Fri Oct. 13

Student Success Series: Managing Changes in Relationships, UC Caddo-Bossier Rm 1:00 pm

### Sat Oct. 14

SAB Balloon glow, space walk, pumpkin painting, and family fun. Youree Dr. entrance 6-9pm

Pioneer Day @LSUS 9am-4pm

India night @ LSUS Theater 6-10 pm  
For tickets call Sura Rath 797-5296

### Sun Oct. 15

SGA Elections from 6 am to 10 pm call 798-Isus

### Mon Oct. 16

### Tue Oct. 17

Student Success Series: Impress Your Professor, UC Theater; and Healthy choices, UC Caddo Bossier Rm common hour

Oklahoma City bombing victim's father, Bud Welch to speak @ UC Ballroom, common hour

### Wed Oct. 18

Student Success Series: Career Exploration and Majors, noon, UC Caddo-Bossier Rm

### Thu Oct. 19

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Student Success Series: Money, Money, Money, UC Theater; and Avoiding problems with alcohol and drugs UC Caddo-Bossier Rm common hour

### Fri Oct. 20

### Sat Oct. 21

Pilot's baseball scrimmage with Centenary 11am @ LSUS

### Sun Oct. 22

English club book sale 9am-3pm  
Bronson Hall second floor



# Letter to the editor

Dr. Mills brought up a few interesting points in an article a few weeks ago.

- 1) He said that releasing written evaluations would violate the rights of faculty just as students' rights would be violated if their grades were released.
- 2) He compared the releasing of faculty evaluations to releasing students' grades.
- 3) He said that the wide range of opinions would give a false impression of a professor.

First of all I am not aware of any laws that protect faculty members' rights to have their evaluations kept private. I welcome anyone to show me these specific laws, if they even exist. For the sake of argument, let us assume that these laws do exist. Furthermore, let us assume that faculty evaluations should be treated with the same discretion as students' grades. Why is it that students' grades are available to deans and chairs and the written evaluations are not? Why is it that every department secretary on campus and some student workers can access grades? I think that it is easy to see that there is no comparison between this school's policy on releasing students' grades and releasing teacher evaluations. Lastly, let me remind those of you who are afraid of what students might say, that the whole concept of a survey is to average out this wide range of opinions. I hope this article has shed some light on the issue, inspite of the smoke that has been blown.

Brad Weatherly  
Sr. Math Major

## Vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney visits LSUS



by  
Lacy  
Stuart

At 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 6, a line of well dressed Bush/Cheney supporters had already begun to wrap the H.P.E. building at LSUS for the 9:30 convocation at which Dick Cheney was speaking.

Inside were crowds of exited people with signs and welcoming banners everywhere that said "Rock on Cheney," "Shreveport loves the Cheneys," and "Louisiana wins with Bush/Cheney." The American flag couldn't help but be seen any way a head was faced, and the people were really starting to get pumped up while the Parkway High School band and also a local band called Goldrush were playing.

In between the music and cheering, a man would

come up on stage to try to keep the crowd together and exited for Cheney's visit. He went around asking people what they thought about this election. We heard answers all the way from "To support George W. Bush and Dick Cheney" to "Let's get the trash out of The White House."

The man even taught everyone a cheer for when Cheney arrived. It went something like: "Bush, Duwap Duwap, Cheney."

Finally, after cheering for about 45 minutes, Cheney and company arrived.

We first got to hear from Lynn Cheney, Dick Cheney's wife. She talked about writing a book called "Telling the Truth" and sending an autographed copy to the vice president (Al Gore).

Next, a friend of Cheney's, former U.S. Senator Alan Simpson, a republican from Cheney's home state of Wyoming, spoke. He and Cheney have been friends for about



Photo by Mark Rogers

Vice presidential candidate Cheney waves to the audience through a balloon shower at the HPE building Friday morning after the debate

30 years now. Simpson started off by saying "Dick and I are severely over-married," to make everyone laugh. Simpson used examples like the "Code of the West" and focused on

truth being the essence of leadership. He talked of what he and Cheney had been through together. "He drove me goofy out there," said Simpson.

Simpson said that Dick Cheney is a good and honest candidate, and also just a great person. He spoke of Cheney's integrity and his intelligence.

Then it was Cheney's turn to speak. Everyone was so ecstatic to be there to hear Dick Cheney.

"Good news. The Clinton/Gore era will be over in 32 days," Cheney said.

He pointed out that the differences between Bush/Cheney and Gore/Lieberman are not minor. "For eight years the President and Vice President haven't done what they said they'd do" said Cheney.

"There are two ways I can think of to interpret Al Gore: He doesn't know, or

he decided not to tell the truth," said Cheney.

Cheney's main points were about what he and Bush plan to do with the surplus in the U.S., the military, and their pledge to us. Cheney said that the surplus would be split up and half would be given for Social Security, one fourth for the military and education, and roughly a fourth back to the people in the form of tax cuts.

Cheney says he is committed to giving resources and respectable leadership.

Cheney closed by saying "I pledge to uphold the constitution and give us leadership we can be proud of again."

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# Caddo and Bossier Soccer Association draws a crowd to LSUS on weekends



by  
Jennifer  
Knafla

What would it take to draw thousands of people to an event with little to no publicity? Soccer. And who could pull it off? Cabosa.

Cabosa is the Caddo and Bossier Soccer Association. It is a non-profit organization run by a board of volunteers. It is associated with the Louisiana Soccer Association and the U.S. Youth Soccer Association, which has over 10 million members.

Established in 1983, Cabosa currently has about 2900 members and about 200 teams. Its players range from the ages of four to over 19. For the past 17 years, the organization has played on weekends during the spring and fall seasons at the LSUS fields.

"We usually have two parents come out for each kid," said Richard Gill, president of Cabosa, "And sometimes an addition of grandparents. So the numbers add up and we get what most people see on Saturday and Sunday afternoons when they drive down Kings Hwy., a massive crowd of people."

Gill estimated that about 10,000 people, players and spectators, come out each weekend.

Gill said that the organization relies on word of mouth and articles in the paper for publicity. "The large crowd is promotion enough," Gill said.

Cabosa has no sponsors or any other donated revenue. Parents pay a due of \$55 a child

and in return receive a jersey, shorts, and a pair of socks. The money is used to pay for referees and a lease to use the field.

Coaches and referees complete courses and are licensed by the state. The courses for coaching are paid for by Cabosa. The courses for referees have a split fee of \$25. The coaches are volunteers. The referees, which are nationally registered, are paid \$12 to \$15 a game

and referee at least 12 games a season.

Cabosa receives a moderate lease from LSUS to use the fields. "We are happy to be at LSUS," Gill said, "And we are gracious to the faculty at LSUS who have allowed the continued use of the fields."

And use the field Cabosa has. Gill said that each team plays at least one game a weekend, sometimes two. That is over 100 soccer games

held in an eight-week season. The fall season started Sept. 15 and will end Nov. 5. The spring season will start in February. The Cabosa soccer seasons do not conflict with that of school soccer teams. Gill said that this allows kids to play soccer before the regular season starts.

Cabosa also gives people over the age of 19 a chance to play the sport by offering an amateur league. The league's teams usually

have to travel and play on weeknights.

The regular Cabosa teams play from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays until Nov. 5 at LSUS. Concessions are offered by vendors such as the Smoothie Shak and others.

Gill said that everyone is encouraged to come and watch a game or two and become part of the crowd that promotes Cabosa.

## Should CABOSA Pay Parking Fees?



by  
Scott  
Balcerzak

Students visiting LSUS on weekends are sure to notice that the field on the east side of the campus is filled with children's soccer teams from around the Shreveport area. What students might not be aware of is the financial situation and some of the concerns that have been raised over the college's agreement with the Caddo-Bossier Soccer Association (CABOSA).

According to Dr. Timothy Winter, chair of the department of kinesiology and health science, many locals do not even realize that these teams are playing on LSUS property. When he arrived here three years ago, Winter often heard people refer to the area as the CABOSA fields. "I've worked to reestablish to people that they are our fields," Winter said. "One of the first things I did when I arrived here was to try to get a grasp on that."

One of the major complaints toward LSUS's deal with CABOSA is that the organization does not separately pay for the use of the parking lot. This complaint is usually targeted at CABOSA over other outside organizations because the soccer league is so large and it meets here on a weekly basis.

Philip Loyen, a sophomore computer science major, believes that parking fees should be paid by CABOSA. "If we have to pay for parking they should also," Loyen said. "It's only fair."

Marty McGuffie, a freshman history major, also expressed a similar view. "If I have to pay, CABOSA should too," McGuffie said.

Others believe that fees would send out a bad message to the Shreveport area. "It's a public university and it's open to the public," said Martha Lewis, a freshman business major who attends the games on the weekends. "Why should the public have to pay parking fees?"

Winter declined to comment if he personally believed that there should

be a charge for parking. But he did say that such fees would bring more money into the school. "Charging a minimum fee could bring a little more income from these events," Winter said. He also said that he believes the overall agreement with CABOSA needs to be reviewed. "Let's just say that I think it's time for it (the agreement) to be reevaluated," Winter said. "I guess we need to ask, 'What makes for a fair price?'"

Overall, the college's deal with the league is a unique one. Since LSUS has few athletic activities, it allows outside groups to use the college's facilities. During their early years, CABOSA used the field without charge. Now, the league is using the area on the stipulations agreed upon in a 1998 agreement, which consist of LSUS being paid \$6,000 per year. LSUS also receives 20% of the vender fees charged by CABOSA or 20% of the overall revenue for concessions. CABOSA and other sports-related deals generate income that is split between the Heath and Physical Education (HPE)

Building and the general fund at LSUS. Recently, the HPE bought roughly \$19,000 worth of equipment from such income generating accounts.

Winter had run-ins with CABOSA in the past when he attempted to establish a "no-fly" zone, which is an area on the field that allows for LSUS activities on the weekends. The zone garnered some angry responses from the organization and even resulted in the mayor calling the college over the issue. Despite the controversy, Winter held his ground and the "no-fly" zone remained. And while he believes that the college's relationship with CABOSA is currently beneficial for both the school and the league, Winter ultimately hopes that LSUS will not need such agreements in the future.

"My goal is to someday say to outside people that I can't allow them here because we have too much student activity," Winter said.



# The UCA addresses safety issues



by  
Anita  
Kelly

Availability of community assistants and front gate access affect quality of safety and security of University Court residents. The front access gate being broken, leaving the residents exposed to unwanted outsiders, has had some residents concerned about their safety. And residents have complained that the community assistants have failed to respond to resi-

dent complaints in a timely manner.

Most complaints, according to Shunda Walker, CA on Tuesdays, concern guests of the residents. "Good residents bring in good guests. You are known by association."

CA job assignments include patrolling the complex until 11 p.m., and resolving problems. Kristen Adams, CA for Mondays, has provided residents assigned to her building, with her business cards listing her telephone number, email address and class schedule. "There is no excuse for residents to complain about a CA not

being available because they know they can go to any CA on or off duty with any problem," said Andranell Watley, CA on Wednesdays.

"They can page us after 11 p.m. and we will answer their call," Adams said.

Watley said, "We have a new set of students that take pride in their community. Therefore, we know the residents care about their community and the safety of it."

Andrekia Miles, a resident of the apartments, said, "Walker, the CA assigned to buildings 12, 13 and 14 responds quickly to activity. I never have to

worry about problems or complaints being answered."

A security issue is the accessibility of residential keys to the public. When door keys are misplaced, residents have to fill out a form that goes into their personal file. This form tracks how many times they lose keys or request additional ones. "The third time, they have to pay for another one," Walker said. The keys are not easily accessible to the public or the CA's. "The spare keys are being kept in a lock box with a special code to each key. We'd have to sign in and out for the keys," said Matt Titus, CA for Sundays.

"We must also check the resident's identification, when a key is requested. We must do this to ensure that the identity of the identification matches up with the resident," Adams said.

The front access gate for residents and guests appears to be broken because it is mostly seen open. According to Sharon Manson, the managing director of UCA, "The front gate stays broken because people use their vehicles to push the two metal bars on the gate. These metal bars pop up or break and knock the gate mechanism over. This is malicious damage done to the gate. I think most of these people are visitors or guests of residents who want to get into the apartments."

"Most of this is done at night when no one is around to catch whoever is doing it," Watley said.

Repairing the gate is costly. "The last time the gate was broken it cost \$1200 to repair," Mason said.

Sometimes the gate is open for a purpose. "When organizations have meetings here in our clubhouse, we leave the gate open for the specified time they are there," Walker said.

As a safety measure, the CA's monitor visitors who enter the property by using a call box outside the front gate. "We keep a record of the people who go in and out of the gate. The computer in the box reads the cards and therefore knows when someone called a resident's apartment or if a resident let a person in. It will also know if access was granted or denied," Walker said.

"This is to prevent disruptive people from entering," Adams said.

"The CA's can't get access to this information. The campus police has the code for it," Manson said.

When residents sign a lease, a housing contract is given to them outlining residential issues and regulations.

The CA's are evaluated by Manson. "We are evaluated on a daily basis because we are on duty for 24 hours all week long," Adams said.

"We meet once a week with the director on Tuesdays. In the meeting, we are confronted with changes needed on activities for the events involving the residents and about our overall job performance," Watley said.

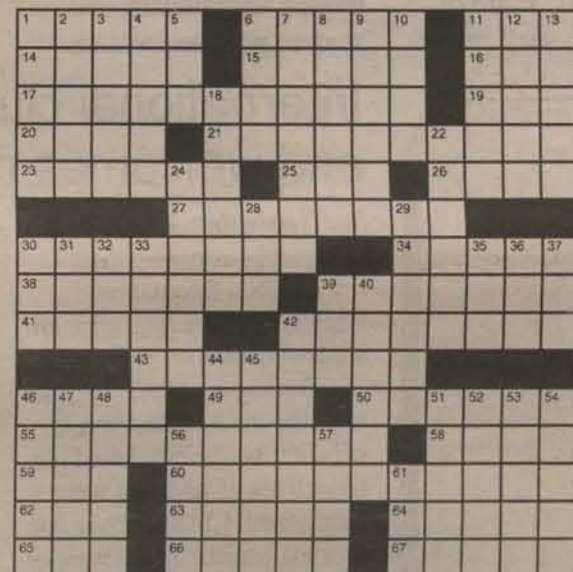
The CA's work closely with on-campus management. "We also provide quality programs for the residents to help develop them as a whole," Watley said. "Every month we are responsible for budgeting, advertising, organizing and publicizing the events we plan."

"The UCA is a great place to live. We have the advantage of living a dorm life with student activities. This also gives us the freedom to be responsible financially and we learn how to interact with different people. You can't get these two elements together in the traditional apartment complex. There is no place like UCA," Adams said.

## Crossword

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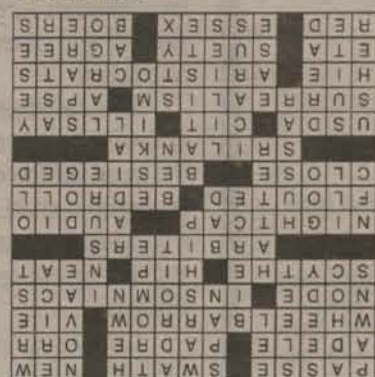
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- 38 Showed contempt for
- 39 Sleeping bag
- 41 Nearby
- 42 Surrounded by hostile forces
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- 46 Meat inspecting org.
- 49 U.S. voter
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- 55 Dal's movement
- 58 Church recess
- 59 Hurry
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- 62 O'Hare abbr.
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- 67 Afrikaners



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### Solutions



### DOWN

- 1 Hooks
- 2 Committee type
- 3 Run-down and shabby
- 4 Falling ice
- 5 Moray or conger
- 6 Bridge
- 7 Destroyer or frigate
- 8 Sure-handed
- 9 -l'oeil
- 10 Felled
- 11 Exploding stars
- 12 "All My Children" character
- 13 Seize forcibly
- 18 "The Devil's Dictionary" writer
- 22 Guarantee
- 24 Mad as a
- 28 Naughty
- 29 Tire type
- 30 Sports division, est. 1969
- 31 Sick
- 32 Sticky stuff
- 33 European light cavalryman
- 35 Collie or corgi
- 36 -de-France
- 37 Ancient
- 39 Cross or Affleck
- 40 Inuit
- 42 Plain-woven fabric

- 44 Son of Daedalus
- 45 "\_\_\_ of the Field"
- 46 Lead to seats
- 47 Musical composition
- 48 Apprehension
- 51 Bogart movie.

### "Key"

- 52 Let live
- 53 Daisylike flower
- 54 Affirmatives
- 56 Relaxation
- 57 Charon's river
- 61 Hack



# Drug offenses may affect financial aid eligibility

by Scott Balcerzak

This semester, students applying for federal aid might have noticed a new question added to their application. As a result of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1998, there is now an inquiry into the applicant's history of drug-related offenses. It is an addition that some feel violates the basic rights of the applicants.

"As far as I know, we've not had anybody who has completely refused to fill it out," said Betty McCrary, financial aid director at LSUS. She also added that if a student did refuse, they would probably not receive any

aid. "I believe the Department of Education's response would be that the student simply would not be eligible," McCrary said.

Any student who does not initially fill out the drug-related question (number 28 on the form) is sent an additional form explaining how it is evaluated. If a student has a conviction of possessing or selling any illegal drugs before certain dates specified on the form, no aid will be given. Also, many of the specified dates do not totally exclude past offenders. These students would have to complete a drug rehab program in order to even be eligible to receive aid. McCrary urged any student wanting to find

out more about the particulars of question 28 to visit the United States Department of Education's web site at

"It's a basic violation of a student's rights," said Brad Bowen, a junior political science major and a Student Government Association (SGA) senator. "Something like a minor possession charge denies a person of an education, while murder and rape are overlooked." Bowen has been a vocal critic of the act and is currently drafting a proposal to the SGA that would have the organization officially endorse reforming the law.

Nationally, the act has received its fair share of criticism from such groups

as the NAACP, ACLU, American Public Health Association, and Students for Sensible Drug Policy. The major criticism is that it only punishes drug offenders and most of these offenses are nonviolent possession charges. There have also been concerns because statistics show that such charges often target lower income families. "When you consider that it will be enforced upon people of lower economic means, you can say it's racist," said Bowen. "In many ways, the drug war can be viewed as ethnic cleansing in America."

So far, HEA reform has been supported by student groups, individuals, and student governments on

more than 200 campuses nationwide. But at LSUS, reaction has been subdued. "Personally, I haven't heard any students voice a concern over it," said McCrary. "I simply haven't had to evaluate that (problem) yet."

It is this type of student indifference that Bowen is hoping to address with his SGA proposal. "Basically, I want to raise awareness of how politicians feel they can combat the drug war through the legislative process," Bowen said. He also encouraged any students interested in voicing their concern over the issue to visit the web site where they can e-mail their representatives in congress.

## Problem from Hell



Find the smallest positive integer whose cube ends in 888.

Last week's problem was mistyped. The corrected problem follows:  
What is the remainder when the number  $1999^{2000}$  is divided by 5?

If A, B and C are different numbers from 0 to 9, can the three-digit numbers ABC and CBA both be divisible by 7?

**Solution:** Recall that the number ABC means  $100A + 10B + C$  and  $100A + 10B + C$  is equivalent to  $2A + 3B + C \pmod{7}$  and similarly CBA is equivalent to  $2C + 3B + A \pmod{7}$ . Also, since each of the above numbers are divisible by 7, their difference is divisible by 7. Therefore  $A - C$  is divisible by 7. Then if we multiply  $2C + 3B + A$  by 3 and add to  $2A + 3B + C$  we get  $7C + 12B + 5A$  is divisible by 7, which implies that  $12B + 5A$  is divisible by 7. It follows that  $5B + 5A$  is divisible by 7, and since 5 and 7 are relatively prime,  $B + A$  is divisible by 7. The solutions to  $A - C$  and  $A + B$  divisible by 7 in the range from 0 to 9 and all different are  $A = 1, B = 6, C = 8$  and  $A = 2, B = 5, C = 9$ . There are no others. So, 168, 861, 259, 952 all work.

This problem was solved by Steve Bodden.

Please submit your answers in writing to Dr. Vekovius in Science 104, or on the internet to [vekovius@pilot.lsus.edu](mailto:vekovius@pilot.lsus.edu). Indulgences will be granted for correct answers.

## International club reorganizes and welcomes new members

by Christopher Ashby

LSUS's International Club is reorganizing after an absence from campus.

During the club's organizational meeting last week, officers were elected and the objectives of the club were reaffirmed. Club sponsor Joe Patrick, assistant professor of foreign languages, said that the club is used as a recruitment tool to get students interested in foreign languages and other international studies.

The club sponsors several social events throughout the year. At the meeting potential activities, including a food festival, a film festival, and guest speakers, were discussed.

Club President Karen C. DeLouche, junior humanities major, said the club is very important. "This club is essential because there is an ever-increasing multi-cultural society," she said. "There needs to be an understanding of other countries in this

global economy. We need to expand our awareness of other cultures and values and expand our own culture from a consumer culture to one where other things matter."

DeLouche said that one of her main goals is to go on an international trip. She said that in order for the trip to happen more people would have to join the club. "The more the merrier," she said. "Please, please, please join!"

Though the club is geared toward foreign language and international studies students, everyone is accepted. The club is a combination of the language clubs at LSUS which united in order to attract more students and be more successful.

The club meets every other Tuesday starting Oct. 17 in BH 242 (Language Lab) and is open to all students. Dues are \$2 per semester. Anyone needing further information may contact Patrick at 797-5390 or 797-5391.



# LSUS accomodates students with special needs

by Sabrina Hoss

Sophomore Christy Long and I wait by the elevators on the fourth floor of the Business building. As the door opens, we see that the elevator is packed. She looks at me and says, "I think we can squeeze in." It's a tight fit but we pack in like sardines.

Long, 21, a math and general studies major from Shreveport, dreams of going to graduate school in Montana, and lately she has been thinking of changing her major to public relations to become a lobbyist in Washington.

Not only is Long dealing with the challenges of college, she has had to deal with cerebral palsy all her life, a condition that affects the nervous system and the growth of the leg bones. "Mostly it just throws off balance," she said.

Like Long, Charles Guin, 31, a psychology major, dreams of bigger things. Guin, a senior, will graduate next December.

He wants to be a counselor for spinal chord injury patients. Guin became a spinal chord injury patient himself when he was shot and had a wreck during an attempted burglary. "I could have definitely used some counseling then," Guin said. Guin wants to help other spinal injury patients to readjust to their families, and basically help them readjust to wanting to live again. "Your will to live diminishes after a spinal chord injury," Guin said. Guin eventually wants to get his Ph.D. in psychology and move somewhere that has a good center for major spinal chord injuries, where he can work.

Both Long and Guin believe that their disabilities have made them stronger. "I am more resilient, and bounce back easier," Long said. Guin believes that his disability has made him less superficial, and opened his eyes. After attending a Ranger's

game Guin said that he had never noticed how many people there were in wheelchairs. "I looked around and saw hundreds of people in wheelchairs," Guin said. According to



Photo by Mark Rogers

Charles Guinn doesn't want special treatment, just a little accomodation

Guin, he learned to see the world in new dimensions.

To aid students LSUS has set up a counseling service for students with physical disabilities.

According to Paula Atkins, assistant director for student development and counseling, most students

who come to her just want to have an equal chance to learn.

According to Atkins, students need to present her with fairly recent documentation stating that a condition exists by a knowledgeable person in that field, and an intake interview will be done. The student will then discuss their current academic needs within the limits of LSUS, and the student and Atkins will then make a contract, and arrangements for service. The only thing that Atkins can't do is change key elements in the course curriculum to accommodate the student. "If the student will be absent from

class a great deal, and the class does a lot of work together then I can't ask the professor to change their curriculum," Atkins said.

"Paula's great," Guin said. According to Guin, after he turned in the proper paper work, the rest was

really up to him. The faculty has been really supportive, he said. If I take a test, they allow me to take it in a separate quiet room. Guin says that he doesn't want special treatment - just a little accomodation. Long also believes that the staff is really helpful and friendly. "They're always like, can I help you with that, or don't stress too much," Long said. Long added that the staff is really understanding about lateness. Long believes that more parking and more ramps might improve the school though.

LSUS supplies the information about counseling for disabled and handicapped students in the college catalog, student handbook, on the LSUS website, class syllabi, brochures, during summer and transfer orientation, and in class bulletins. According to Atkins the first step starts when the student comes and identifies his or her needs.

## Sigma Nu attempts to open new chapter on LSUS campus

by Raechal Leone

Six students are working to charter a chapter of the national fraternity Sigma Nu on campus.

The group includes students who were initiated into the Sigma Nu chapters at Northwestern State University and Louisiana Tech University, but have transferred to LSUS, as well as students who hope to initiate into the new chapter.

The students posted flyers around campus in September and are actively

recruiting potential members.

In order to be recognized by the Student Organizations Committee (SOC), the potential fraternity chapter will have to present a roster of at least 10 members and elect a representative to attend all SOC meetings.

Charles Tabor, a member of the potential chapter, said he expects the organization to be recognized by the SOC sometime in October.

However, acquiring a charter from the national

office of Sigma Nu will be a lot more difficult and much more time consuming, according to Tabor.

"They want a group of people who can handle it. We have to raise so much money for charity and do so much work to get a chapter," Tabor said.

The work to establish a chapter will include opening and maintaining a checking account with the University and writing a constitution for the organization from scratch. Tabor estimates the charter from Sigma Nu headquarters

will be granted in the next year.

Tabor said he and other members of the new organization hope to bring part of the prominent Greek life at other schools like Northwestern State University in Natchitoches to this campus.

"We want to bring a new life to the university," he said. "Something new and something different."

Sigma Nu fraternity was established at the Virginia Military Institute in October 1868 as the Legion of Honor.

According to the official website of Sigma Nu fraternity, [www.sigmanu.org](http://www.sigmanu.org), there are currently almost 200,000 initiates and 250 chapters of Sigma Nu across the country.

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# Red River Radio to hold pledge drive



by  
Jennifer  
Knafla

Red River Radio will hold its fall pledge drive Friday, Oct. 13 through Friday, Oct. 20.

The drive is one of two held each year by the public radio station KDAQ. The money collected supports the station. The drive's goal is to raise about \$140,000.

"Roughly about 40 per-

cent of our annual revenue comes from listeners," said Si Sikes, acting general manager of KDAQ, "and that makes the pledge drive very important."

The drive will interrupt the station's regular programming, asking for pledges with the help of guest listeners, who will include Chancellor Marsala and Dr. Helen C. Taylor, director of the master's of liberal arts program.

Marsala sees the station, which is under the development office, as an important service outreach program.

"During the pledge, I talk

about the programs I enjoy listening to," Marsala said.

Taylor, who is a member of the Red River Radio Community Advisory Board, has been a guest listener for the station's pledge drives since 1994. On the air, Taylor said she compares public radio stations in America to the British Broadcasting Company.

"In England, where I'm from, the government does not give you a choice whether or not to support BBC," Taylor said, "They

merely send you a bill, which you must pay. However, here public radio is funded mainly on donations. This makes the pledges given by listeners very important."

Other guest listeners will be representatives from Centenary and Stephen F. Austin and others from LSUS. Representatives from major organizations such as the Shreveport Symphony and Sci-Port will also participate. Danny Wilder, blues guitarist, is scheduled to be a guest host.

"Volunteers are always

needed and welcomed," Sikes said. To volunteer for answering phones call Wendi Bryant at 797-5150 or drop by the station. There will be refreshments for volunteers.

The drive starts at 2 p.m. Oct. 13 and runs through the week from 6 a.m. until midnight every day. The scheduled date to finish the drive is the afternoon of Oct. 20.

"But we will not end the drive until our goal is reached," Sikes said.

## Classic Music Review: The Moody Blues first album, *Days of Future Past*

by Genna Angyles

In the 1960's, both Great Britain and the United States were having rock and roll music re-introduced to them. Both sides of the Atlantic loved the "Fab Four."

Who could introduce this reporter to the Beatles? It was another English band! Their first album started with rock but also had an orchestra called the London Festival Orchestra. They were originally supposed to show that a new thing, stereo, was actually very good, by playing some music from the composer Dvorak. Instead, they played their own music. They surprised the record company when they were finished. It was an instant hit! Millions of British wanted to hear it! Two songs were released as singles. They each went platinum. This music also went with the Apollo spaceship to the moon! This writer fell in love with the lead singer and writer of the two singles, and the band. Who is this band? They are the Moody Blues.

Their album put them on a long standing, money-making and enjoyable career. That album, *Days of Future Past* was released back in November 1967. "Nights in White Satin" still gets airplay. That song and this album took this writer from Mozart to them, so think what it could do for you!

So why should you listen to it? Perhaps the best reason is that many thousands, maybe millions, of people your age love it along with their parents. You can hear and sing it together. The words are easy and the songs are pretty. You like flutes? They're here! Like drums? Their drummer is a very fine and strong drummer. Do you like guitars? Then the lead singer and the bass guitarist are for you! You, with this band, can have all the things you like with music, without angering your parents! They love this band. This writer just knows that you will too!

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LSUS can fill out the paperwork in the Admin. Bldg. Rm 159. Students who already have an LSUS e-mail account but can't remember their account name can look it up at [www.lsus.edu](http://www.lsus.edu) under the student life option. The student e-mail directory can only tell students their account names. The password is the student's month and date of

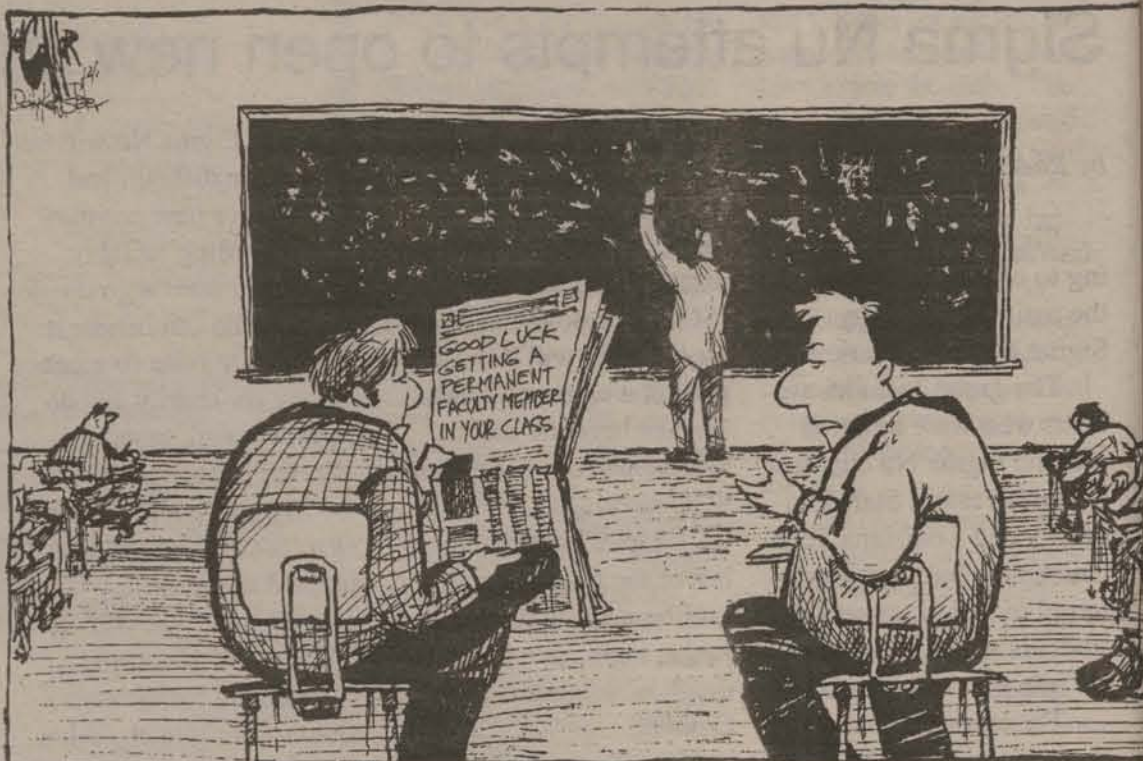
birth or PIN number, unless the student has changed it.

On October 3, Shelby Keith, director of computing services issued a mass e-mail alerting the faculty to the existence of [lsusreview.com](http://lsusreview.com) and its purpose.

"I'm not particularly happy about the review I got, but I support the idea," said Lynn Walford, language professor

and chair of the department of general studies.

John Vassar, professor of philosophy, religious studies, and history was happy to see the initiative. He said, "When I was a student here there was a lot of student apathy. Now that I'm back as a professor, I still hear a lot about student apathy but something like this is a positive sign instead of just complaining."



"IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO'S UP THERE. THIS CLASS STILL SUCKS."



# VD

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fact in the early 1990's, Region seven in Louisiana, which is nine parishes including: Caddo, Bossier, and Webster, ranked number one in the state for syphilis, according to Dennis R. Dans, a Disease Intervention Specialist with the Louisiana Office of Public Health. If that is not bad enough, our state ranked number one in the nation at that time per 100,000 people. Through the efforts of the Caddo health unit and others like it, in 1999, region seven ranked number seven in the state knocking us down from the number one position.

"It is real easy to become complacent and not think too much about a hidden epidemic. It is out there and there is a lot of it. People don't think. It is out of sight out of mind," said Mr. Dans.

In 1999 region seven reported 3,096 cases of chlamydia at a rate of 614 per 100,000 people, 2,692 cases of gonorrhea case rate of 534 per 100,000, and 27 cases of syphilis case rate of 5 per 100,000.

How is this relevant to the youth of today?

Well according to Mr. Dans, 75% of all STD cases are in the fifteen to twenty-four age group. That is a scary statistic.

How do you know if you have a STD?

Symptoms for males include discharge from the penis, open sores on the genitalia and/or mouth, rashes on the hands and feet, and painful urination. Most of these symptoms can and will subside. But sometimes there is no indication at all.

Symptoms for females include painful urination and vaginal discharge. About 85-90% of infected women do not show any signs of infection at any-

time. This is dangerous because many do not know when they have it or if they are infecting others with it.

What should you do if you do show signs of infection?

Go get treated immediately. Many of the STDs are curable if caught at an early stage. Diseases like herpes, genital warts, HIV, and hepatitis B are viruses and unfortunately cannot be cured. Bacterial infections like syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia can be fatal but, fortunately, can also be cured. The Caddo health unit offers free (I said free) treatment and counseling. When you go get cured not only are you helping out your own health but you are also helping track down the sources and destinations of these diseases by giving a confidential "tell all" of who you have been sleeping with. This enables the health authorities to track down and eliminate these STDs.

What will they do to me when I am treated?

The STDs we have mentions here are treated in different ways. First they have to test you for the disease. This includes taking a sample from the vagina or the tip of the penis. Blood tests are also done. Once diagnosed there are various treatment methods. For the early stage of syphilis, 2.4 million units of bicillin are given. That usually takes care of the problem.

With the help of people like Dennis Dans, the rest of the folks at the Caddo Parrish Health Unit, and people like them all over the country we might one day be able to reduce the cases of these diseases. In doing this we eliminate this public health threat by reducing the number of cases to a, much needed, minimal level.

The best advice I can give everyone who has read this story is this:

-If you are sexually active, go get checked REGULARLY. Not once a

year, or once every time you have sex with someone different. **WEAR A CONDOM!!!!!!**

-If you are in a sexually active relationship, go with your partner and get checked.

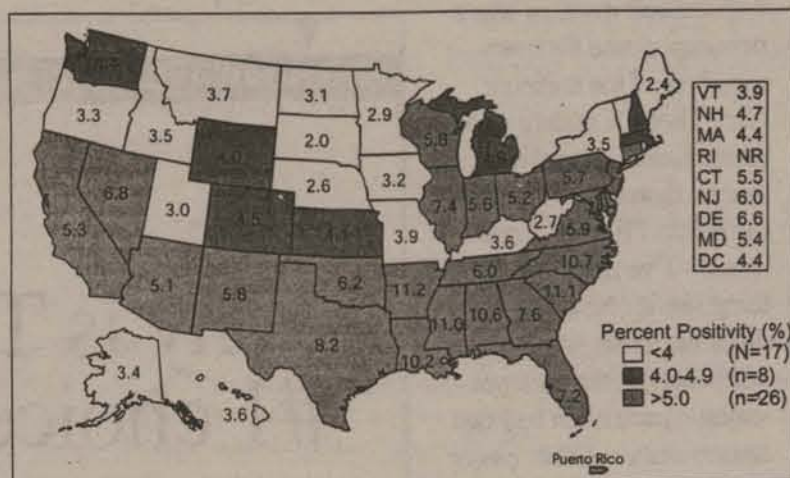
-If you show signs of infection, go get treated, because if no treatment is received it can be fatal for yourself and others.

-If you have a friend

who is sexually active, encourage them to get checked out and wear a condom. If it makes them feel easier, go get checked and wear a condom with them for moral support.

Don't think with your genitalia. This is a serious problem facing American youth of today. Serious health problems such as infertility, organ damage, and deformed offspring do

exist as a result of not getting treated. The only way to eliminate is to educate and take action. So now you must go back to the beginning of this article read it again, do further research, and educate others on what you have learned. Help stop these nasty diseases and keep yourself from becoming a statistic.



## Chlamydia

Positivity among 15- to 24-year-old women tested in family planning clinics by state, 1997

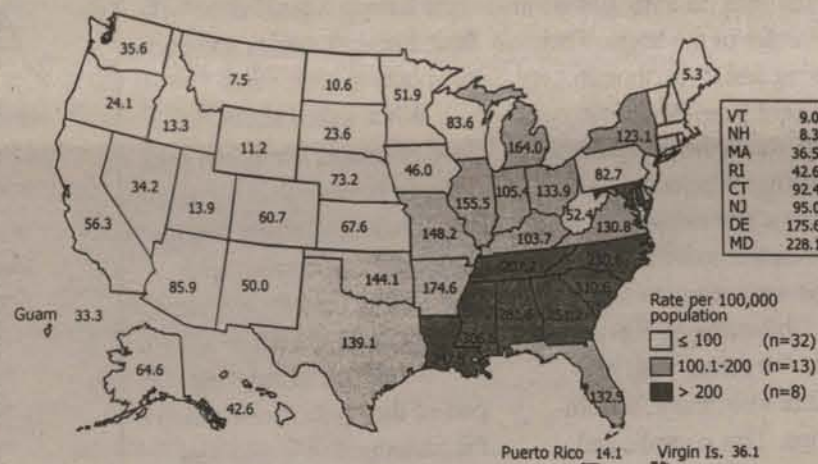
Note: States reported chlamydia positivity data on at least 500 women ages 15-24 years screened from January-December 1997 except for: Rhode Island - no chlamydia positivity data reported (NR); Puerto Rico - chlamydia positivity data reported for August-December only; and North Carolina - chlamydia positivity data reported for January-April only.

Source: Regional Infertility Prevention Programs; Office of Population Affairs; Local and State STD Control Programs; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## Gonorrhea

Rates by state: United States and outlying areas, 1997

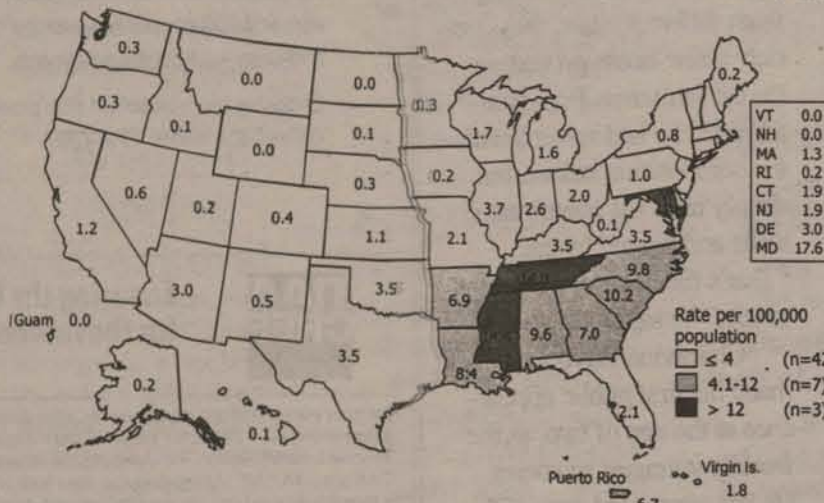
Note: The total rate of gonorrhea for the United States and outlying areas (including Guam, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands) was 120.9 per 100,000 population.



## Primary and secondary syphilis

Rates by state: United States and outlying areas, 1997

Note: The total rate of primary and secondary syphilis for the United States and outlying areas (including Guam, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands) was 3.3 per 100,000 population.



Information on syphilis and gonorrhea was supplied by the U.S. Center for Disease Control



## Carnatic music concert stuns audience

by Madiha Jamil

Imagine warm resonating chords, similar to a human voice, accompanied by soft rhythmic drums and mellow tunes from a violin. Paradise? Not quite. Actually, this was the scene created Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Carnatic Music Concert. Three musicians, literally world renowned, performed a number of beautiful pieces at the UC Theater.

These were no ordinary artists; before the performance, they stood at the doors and handed out programs. They were wearing traditional Indian clothing, called kurta-veshti. One by one, each walked barefoot onto the stage and gave a namaskar, or a respectful bow to greet the audience. The musicians seated themselves next to their instruments on a rug placed in the center of the stage. Their seating and style, though very different from American concerts, made the performance much more personal. After taking a few minutes to tune their instruments, the musicians were ready to begin.

Chitravina N. Ravikiran sat in the center with his ancient instrument, the chitravina. This complicated instrument has 21 strings and no frets. Made of wood, it looks almost like a large, elongated guitar with a round base. To the left sat Poovalur V. Srinivasan, with his mridangam — a two-headed, barrel-shaped drum. And on the right was Vittal Ramamurthy, carefully holding his violin.

Ravikiran glided his hands up and down the chitravina to produce soft harmonic chords. Accompanied by the violin and mridangam, together they produced an array of breathtaking rhythmic patterns. Though the chitravina had most of the moving

notes, often the violin would carry the melody softly. Justin Sasser, a biology major taking music appreciation, noticed the mimicry between the instruments. "Chitravina would play something, and the violinist would imitate it," he said. "It seems like it requires so much practice." The beautiful melodic hum with the soft rhythms was a new experience for many members of the audience. Gary Theus, a student also taking music appreciation, said he thoroughly enjoyed the music. "It's like a culture shock — I've never heard anything like it," he said. Sometimes the music was very sad and peaceful; the slow yet majestic pace often had rich ornamentation. Other pieces were quick, charming, and pleasing to the ear. One could very easily notice the artists were having a good time with their frequent smiles and complements to each other.

When asked about his love of music, Ravikiran said, "Music is more than a god to me." Always having been in a musical environment, he said that he literally ate, slept, and dreamed music.

But the most amazing part of the concert was when the musicians revealed that the performance was a musical "improv"; they had never practiced together. Coming in from different cities, they met only a few hours preceding the performance. Poovalur admitted he had never heard the composition before, but simply used his coordination skills and played by ear. "That's the beauty of the music," he said.

Chitravina Ravikiran made his first public appearance at the age of two, as the world's youngest musician. He has composed over 375 pieces in five languages. Having been featured in interna-

tional radio and television shows like CNN, WRDF, and Swiss National TV, he has recently been invited to compose and perform with the BBC Philharmonic orchestra in the United Kingdom. Vittal Ramamurthy, the violinist, has performed extensively in pres-

tigious musical institutions all over India, and has received a number of awards for his solos and accompaniment. Poovalur Srinivasan, who plays the mridangam, learned how to play from his father. Having performed with many artists, one of his albums was even nominated for a grammy.

Interested in upcoming performances? Come to India Nite on October 14 for more classical music from India. Fascinated by Indian culture? Dr. Sura Rath, professor of English at LSUS and director of the India Studies Program, welcomes anyone who is interested. He can be contacted at 797-5296.

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## LSUS campus police blotter

### September 19

7:20 p.m. Campus police witnessed two cars cutting doughnuts and spinning out of control on the south soccer field parking lot. They stopped one and identified the driver as a student of Byrd High School. His father was notified and said he would handle the situation.

### September 28

2:00 p.m. A VCR was found missing from the HPE building. Upon investigation, Campus police found no signs of forced entry into the room where the VCR had been held.

### September 1

2:15 a.m. A white female, age 19, ran up to campus police and asked for help. She claimed she was being chased by a black male after leaving Willis-Knighten Hospital on her way home. She said she ran through a drainage ditch and got away. Police searched the area with spotlights but could not find the suspect.

### September 2

5:00 a.m. Campus police were called to the UCA to investigate a suspicious person. Upon arrival, they found a student from Baton Rouge who appeared to be intoxicated and said he was here visiting friends. He had almost a case of beer in his duffle bag. SPD was called in to escort the man off the premises. SPD said they would investigate because someone had stolen some beer from the circle K across the street from LSUS earlier that night.

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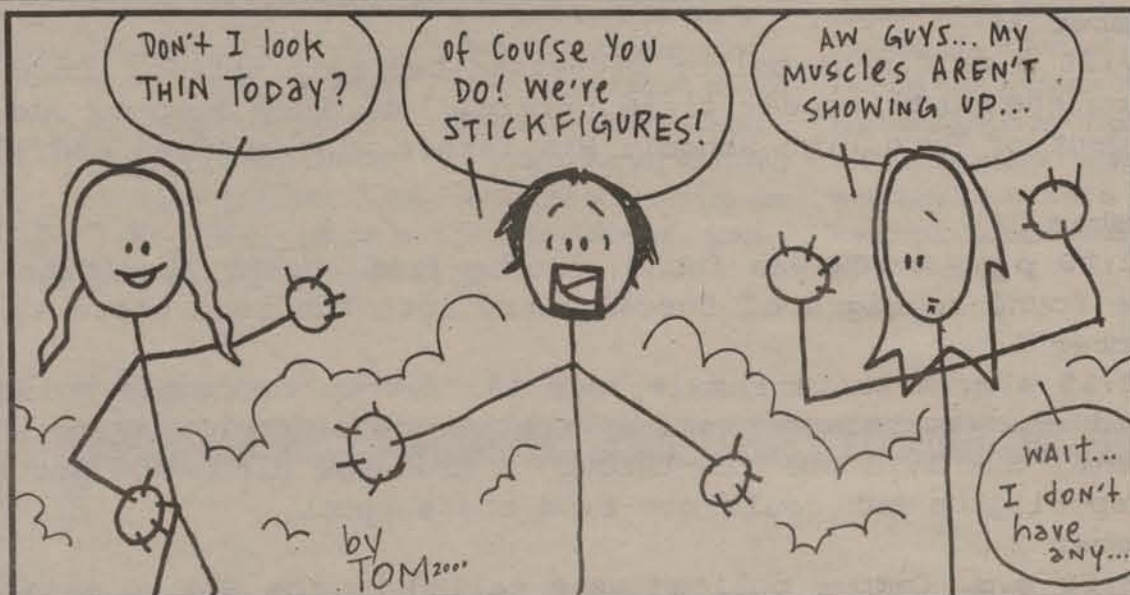
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